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Congressman Payne holds a Somali child he met during his visit. The Tenth District Congressman said that after Operation Restore Hope, he found the children "in better health, happier, and playing in the streets in Mogadishu and Baidoa."

Clinton nominates Ginsburg to Supreme Court

President says her values 'represent the best in America'

WASHINGTON, D.C.—During a press conference announcing his nomination of Judge Ruth Ginsburg as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court a few weeks ago the President remarked, "I know clearly that a Supreme Court Justice should have the heart and spirit, the talent and discipline, the knowledge, common sense and wisdom to translate the hopes of our American people as presented in the cases before it into an enduring body of constitutional law."

The President went on to say, "If, as I believe, the measure of a person's values can best be measured by examining the life the person lives, then Judge Ginsburg's values are the very ones that represent the best in America. I am proud to nominate this path-breaking attorney, advocate and judge to be the 107th Justice to the United States Supreme Court."

In reply to President Clinton's nomination, Judge Ginsburg said, "I am grateful beyond measure for the confidence you have placed in me. And I will strive, with all that I have, to live up to your expectations in making this appointment."

President Clinton reported that he decided to nominate Judge Ginsburg for three reasons.

His first reason considers the many years that Judge Ginsburg spent on the bench genuinely distinguishing herself as one of the nation's best judges — progressive in outlook, wise in judgment, balanced and fair in her opinions.

The next reason was based on her pioneering work on behalf of the women of this country. She has compiled a truly historic record of achievement in the finest traditions of American Law and Citizenship.

And finally, President Clinton believes that in the years ahead, Judge Ginsburg will be able to be a force for "consensus-building" on the Supreme Court, just as she has been on the Court of Appeals, so that the justices "can become an instrument of our common unity in the expression of their fidelity to the constitution."

Judge Ginsburg called the President's nomination "significant," because, she said, "it contributes to the end of the days when women, at least half the talent pool in our society, appear in high places only as one at a time performers."

"When President Carter took office in 1976, no woman had ever served on the Supreme Court, and only one woman, Shirley Hufstader of California, then served at the next federal court level, the United States Court of Appeals."



President Clinton looks on as Judge Ruth Ginsburg accepts the nomination of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

Today Justice Sandra Day O'Connor sits on the Supreme Court bench, and 23 women serve at the federal court of appeals level, two as chief judges. Judge Ginsburg says that she is confident many more will

soon join them.

Judge Ginsburg holds an impressive record in her personal, and professional history. A graduate of Cornell University, she attended

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Payne revisits Somalia

Congressman's follow-up visit finds children children
'in better health, more filled out, happy'

During his first visit, he was distressed to find that the largest cause of death among Somali children was measles, a preventable disease. When he returned home, Congressman Donald Payne organized a drive to urge pharmaceutical companies, many of which are located in New Jersey, to donate medicine to help alleviate the suffering in Somalia.

The response was phenomenal, with sixteen firms donating over \$2.5 million worth of medicines. The medicine has been used in support of an effort to provide essential drugs to the 17 hospitals, 58 maternal child health care centers and 144 posts UNICEF operates throughout Somalia. Pharmaceutical firms that made contributions include: Sterling Winthrop, Solvay, Glaxo, Ortho, Wyeth-Ayerst, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Schering-Plough, Syntex, Lederle, Pfizer, Whitehall, Merck, Fisons, Hoffman-La Roche, Fujisawa, and Warner Lambert.

During his recent visit, the Congressman oversaw the distribution of the medicine donated by the pharmaceutical firms. In addition, he attended a number of meetings with relief groups and government officials. The following is a statement Congressman Payne released upon his return from Somalia.

When I visited Somalia last year on November 8th, before President Bush committed US military forces, the situation was chaotic and intolerable.

There was no functioning government. Food that was flown in by US military air craft was not properly distributed because of the fighting between the three warlords — General Morgan (former dictator Siad Barre's son in law) General Aided and Ali Mahdi Mohammed (Interim President).

In addition, there were roving bands of Somali youth who had begun a campaign of fear and terror. They were heavily armed with semi-automatic weapons and were destroying their homes and community. They were accountable to no one. Children were still starving.

Now, as I visited on Memorial Day weekend, I found the children in better health, they were more filled out, happy, and playing in the streets of Mogadishu and Baidoa, where we visited.

Shops were open and small trade was going on. However, unemployment was still over 70% as no major industries had opened.

In visiting a hospital at Baidoa, eye diseases, TB, and malnutrition were still a problem for some, and emergency ward cases were now [victims of] auto accidents and some had died rather than the victims of clan or gang warfare.

The country had been secured in all areas except for Kismayo, where we were not allowed to travel. We met with Admiral Jonathan Howe, the new UNOSOM representative of the secretary general of the UN.

The person in charge of both military and humanitarian aid under the UN briefed us on the problems in Kismayo, where Omar Jess, an outsider, took Kismayo several weeks ago from General Morgan. The fighting was stopped by the US rapid reaction force assisting the Belgians.

Howe pointed out there were over 600,000 displaced persons in the process of coming back to Somalia which would be a great burden to assimilate.

We also met with General Thomas Montgomery, deputy commander of UNOSOM forces and commander of US forces still in Somalia

(about 3000). He felt the cooperation of the various national forces, i.e. Pakistanis, French, Italians, Turks, Belgians, etc., was excellent.

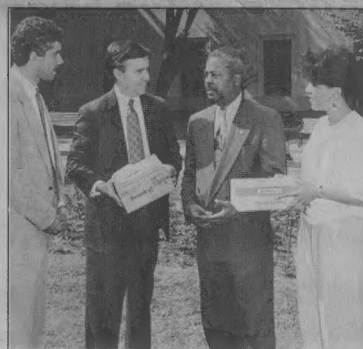
As we visited the various forces, mainly the Italians and French, they displayed enthusiasm for the task ahead. I received the impression that the beefed-up United Nations force with a peace keeping and peace making mandate could succeed.

US officers were most positive about serving under the United Nations commands and spoke highly of their commanding officer, Turkish General Bir.

In Mogadishu, I visited the UNICEF operation and was impressed with the careful accounting of the pharmaceutical supplies we had sent from our area. They were safely stored and protected.

I also visited some of the clinics and hospitals where they were being distributed. Many of the staff com-

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Congressman Donald Payne successfully solicited over \$2.5 million in donations of medical supplies from pharmaceutical companies for the people of Somalia. As he prepared to leave on the mission, Payne met with (l to r) Alejandro J. Palacios, director of the UN Children's Fund; Larry Roche of Warner Lambert's New Jersey office; and Denise Barkdale, office administrator of Warner-Lambert in Washington, D.C.

East Orange Kids' Fest focuses on environment with 'Save Our World' theme



EAST ORANGE—A simulated Brazilian rain forest will be a featured attraction at the third annual East Orange Kids Fest celebration on Saturday, July 10 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. in Soverel Park.

This year's theme "Save Our World," highlights the importance of preserving our natural environment. The day long event includes the creation of a gum wrapper chain, paper making, main stage entertainment and a visit from Mr. R.E. Cycle and Can Man.

"We must instill in our young people the need to respect our environment," said Mayor Cardell Cooper. "The focus this year's Kids' Fest is to educate our children about the principles of recycling, reducing and reusing," Mayor Cooper added.

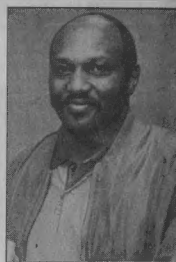
"Although the topic for this

year's event is very serious, the day will be packed with a myriad of fun filled activities that touch on the theme," said East Orange First Lady and Kids' Fest Chairperson Sandy A. Cooper. "I am especially excited about our gum wrapper chain which we hope will be entered into the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest."

The day will feature a food court, arts, crafts and book vendors, a petting zoo, clowns and a ball bounce area, an environmental autobahn and performances by winners of the environmental rap contest held in East Orange schools earlier this year.

Soverel Park is located at Springfield and Brighton Avenues. Admission is free. For more information call Betty Robinson at 201-266-5123 or 5142.

East Orange First Lady Sandy Cooper demonstrates how to make a chain out of gum wrappers. Assisting (2nd and 3rd from right) are her daughters Tiffani and Dana.



New Jersey Institute of Technology employees honored for years in service

Newark residents Gloria Phipps (top left), administrative assistant in the Hazell Center at New Jersey Institute of Technology, Martin A. Wilson (top 2nd left), senior analyst in the computing services department, and Lorry A. Stewart (top 2nd from right), assistant supervisor custodian in the physical plant at the school, were honored for completing 15 years of employment with the university. Henry L. Williams (top right), groundskeeper in the physical plant at NJIT, James W. Knight (left), receiving stores/mailroom assistant in the physical plant, and Ethel M. Schell (right), head clerk in the math department, were congratulated for completing 10 years of employment with the university. Forty employees received service pins on the 10th, 15th, 25th, 30th, and 35th anniversaries of joining the university's workforce.

Community Foundation of New Jersey celebrates graduation of 'Neighborhood Fellows'



Gwen Crawford (l) and Viola Barco

MORRISTOWN—Twenty-three Community Foundation Fellows of the Neighborhood Leadership Initiative graduated on June 12 at the Community Foundation of New Jersey in Morristown during a reception honoring their unique and promising achievements.

The Community Foundation of New Jersey, working in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of

their communities, evidence of initiative, and grass roots leadership potential; they are all volunteers committed to making a difference, who are connected to neighborhood groups or local associations which will benefit from their leadership training.

Two of this year's Neighborhood Fellows, Gwen Crawford and Viola Barco, are Plainfield residents.

Crawford has volunteered in many outreach programs in her community including the Triangle Block Association, the Black United Fund, and serves on the board for the Psychiatrically Mentally Ill, Working with the Christ Centered Outreach Center (an extension of the National Church of God). Gwen has designed the Triangle Youth Explosion (TYE), a multi-faceted organization that provides family support services, leadership development workshops, addressional entertainment for youth in the Triangle Block area.

Viola Barco, concerned about the drug problem in her area, was nominated for the initiative by Plainfield Action Services, a Community Action Program. In addition to her participation with the United Way of Plainfield and North Plainfield, Barco is also involved with the National Council of Negro Women. Barco's project adds to the newly established Plainfield Police-Community Partnership by including a series of workshops on parenting skills and practical lifestyle activities for parents.

The graduation represents only the beginning of the Foundation Fellowship's involvement in neighborhood leadership. After eight months of training, the Fellows, awarded small grants of up to \$5,000, will begin to implement their own community-based projects which will address local needs.

Additional information or applications for the Neighborhood Leadership Initiative are available from the Community Foundation of New Jersey, P.O. Box 317, Morristown, NJ 07963-0317, 201-287-5533. The application deadline is August 2.

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

An eye for an eye

"Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I work with a person who is always talking about how he goes to church. He is always telling people how much of a Christian he is. But, he is one of the worst, most dishonest, manipulative and unethical people I have ever met. He has made me lose respect for people who go around preaching the gospel, but do everything that they can to destroy your life. This is turning me against religion. It all seems so phony.

Ms. T., Indianapolis, Indiana"

Dear Ms. T:

There are obviously as many types of "Christians" as there are other groups of people. Everyone has met a person who goes to church regularly and follows the golden rule completely. We have also met people who attend church "religiously" but are among the most horrible people on this earth.

It is obviously unwise to put any group into any single category simply because they do the same thing. I know someone who is a church official and is an evil abusive, manipulative individual.

My position is to judge people by their behavior. I also judge them by the way that they treat other people. I am not impressed by a person's affiliation. It is not necessary for a person to belong to church, or to any organization, in order to respect a fellow human being. Some people have never been in church, yet they are among the most respected (and respectful) people to exist.

What exactly does a person mean when they say that they are Christian? Does it mean that they go to church sometimes? Does it mean they respect other people? Or, does it mean that they are hiding their bad deeds behind the Bible?

Now, here is a question for you. Can you be successful applying the principles of Christianity in the tough world in which we now live?

For instance, if you are competing for a job against a person who uses "dirty" tactics, can you survive by applying Christian principles? Suppose the other person tells lies about himself (or herself) to gain an advantage over you. Should you also try to make yourself look better than you are? Or, should you do what is ethical and risk losing a job opportunity? If you are competing against another person in an athletic contest, and that person uses illegal tactics against you, should you also resort to illegal tactics? Or, should you simply play "fair" and risk losing the contest?

In other words, how much unfairness should you take before you retaliate with unfairness? Some non-Christians feel that "anything goes" and will use any dirty trick in the world to survive. Some Christians believe in doing what is right, no matter what the circumstances. Others believe that using the golden rule "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" has its limits. They feel that "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" is unchristian, but necessary, when people try to abuse them.

I'd like to know what my readers think about this subject. Send letters to Dr. Charles W. Faulkner, P.O. Box 20086, Seattle, WA 98102-1086.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

PLAINFIELD—The Board of Education of the City of Plainfield will be conducting a Work and Study meeting at Plainfield High School in the Conference Room, at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Health Center will host a lecture on nutrition as part of its Outreach Health Education Program for the senior citizen population. The presentation will be held at the Plainfield Senior Citizens Center, 305 West Front Street, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Elaine Brown Fong at 908-753-6486.

JULY 6 THRU AUGUST 10

PLAINFIELD—The Diabetes Center of New Jersey is currently accepting enrollments for the "Weight No More... Lose It and Love It" class. The course will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday. For more information, call the Center at 908-668-2575.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College Women's Center will be holding a "Legal Education Night" at JSCC Women's Center, 32 College Street, from 6 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call Ms. DeAngelo at 201-200-8110.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

VERONA—The Metro District of the New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance is holding an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Verona Public Library. Anyone interested in volunteering to help spread the word about animal rights in Union, Hudson and Essex Counties, or with a genuine concern about the abuse of animals, is welcome to attend. For more information, call Ben Cirmundo at 201-403-6820.

MONDAY, JULY 12

WESTFIELD—A support group for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church on Lamberth Mill Road. For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at 908-233-8757.

HOW 12 THRU JULY 18

WESTFIELD—How to deal with the numerous effects sub-

stance abuse has on marriage, family, adolescents, the mentally ill chemical user and the addicted gay man or lesbian are just a few of the topics to be explored in the twenty-two classes offered at the seventh annual Summer Institute for Alcohol and Drug Studies. The daily seminars will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Union County College. For more information call 908-233-8810.

JULY 12 THRU AUGUST 5

WAYNE—William Paterson College sponsors a Summer Institute for Early Childhood Education for Preschool and Primary Grade Teachers and Supervisors. All sessions must have pre-registration. Credits are available. For fee and other information, call Julie Barrie at 201-595-2438.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

EDISON—The Middlesex County College Foundation will hold its annual "Evening at the Races" at the Meadowlands Race-track at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event help provide scholarships and financial aid to MCC students. Ten races are scheduled, including the MCC Foundation Mile. For tickets and other information, call the MCC Foundation at 908-996-2564.

HOW THRU JULY 23

NEWARK—The Newark Library will be having an International Cultural Festival at 5 Washington Street. For more information, call 201-733-7755.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

STIRLING—Participate in the "Freedom Tour II" and St. Jude race and bike-A-Thon to raise money for the Jude Children's Hospital. Funds raised also go to the volunteer rescue squads and fire departments and police officers. Call 908-647-7564 for general info, 647-2000 for bike-A-Thon info, and 647-2010 for the 20 mile and 50 mile races. Also, call 908-548-1158 to find out about the video contest, and 647-2010 for the photo contest.

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United Negro College Fund

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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS PRESSURES CLINTON: Joseph by his decision to drop his civil rights nominee and other concessions to conservatives, the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) began a pressure campaign against President Clinton recently. The effort to force the president to stick to more liberal policies began when the CBC rejected a Clinton request for the group to meet with him. CBC head Rep. Kweisi Mfume of Maryland—said of Clinton's recent political maneuvering, "We are concerned about some extent disillusioned." What has angered black lawmakers and other liberal Congress members is several concessions to conservative lawmakers. The caucus and most civil rights groups were particularly outraged at the decision to drop the nomination of Lani Guinier to the civil rights post in the Justice Department after conservatives mounted a campaign against the black nominee. The caucus also wants Clinton to hold fast to promises to invest in the inner-city and create jobs for the poor.

—WASHINGTON, DC
BLACK POSITIONED TO BECOME NEXT POPE: A West African man was placed in a post earlier this month which makes him "first among equals" in the new Roman Catholic Church. Pope John Paul II approved the nomination of Cardinal Bernard Gantin to the post of Archbishop of Dakar, Senegal. Gantin, 65, is the first African to be elected the next Pope. Gantin is from Benin. But Gantin objects to speculation about him becoming Pope. Instead, he praises Pope John Paul II, saying, "I hope he adds many more years to his pontificate." Gantin has been Pope for 15 years. The nomination of Gantin also reflects the growing influence of blacks in Latin America in the Catholic Church.

—VATICAN CITY
MANDELA TO BEGIN 18-DAY U.S. TOUR: Nelson Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress and the likely first black president of South Africa, began an eight-day tour of the United States on June 23. It is expected that he will visit Atlanta, Washington, D.C., New York and Philadelphia. In Philadelphia, he and the current white president of South Africa, F.W. de Klerk, will be jointly awarded the 1993 Philadelphia Liberty Medal. Constitutional talks are expected to set the stage for free elections in July of next year. With the black majority able to vote, the 74-year-old Mandela is almost surely to be elected president of the racially torn country.

—JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA
DECISION BY ATLANTA MAYOR CREATES ELECTION CHAOS: The decision by popular Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson not to seek re-election has created election chaos with a host of candidates now expected to compete for the city's top elected post. Shortly before his announcement, a poll showed Jackson virtually unbeatable with a 74% approval rating. The 55-year-old Jackson is credited with bringing large numbers of blacks into the city's white-dominated business establishment. He also succeeded in bringing the 1996 Summer Olympics to Atlanta. **—ATLANTA, GA**
MINORITIES ARE A MAJORITY IN 2,000 COUNTIES: According to a Census Bureau report released in June, blacks and other minorities are the majority population in over 2,000 counties, cities and towns around the nation. The largest is Detroit, which is nearly 80% black and Hispanic. Among the smallest is Tuskegee, Alabama, where there are 325 whites and nearly 12,000 blacks.

—WASHINGTON, DC
NATIONAL BLACK WEALTH BUILDING CLUB FORMED: An association designed to show U.S. blacks techniques and strategies for increasing their wealth was formed recently. The National Wealth Builders Association (NWBA) states it will provide individuals with income enhancement and investment information as well as assist in credit repair and business start-ups. The new, non-profit association will be spearheaded by the District of Columbia-based Better Life Club. Free information can be obtained by writing the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038. Include \$2 to cover postage and handling.

—WASHINGTON, DC
GAY PROTEST AGAINST POWELL INEFFECTIVE: A homosexual protest against Joint Chief of Staff Chairman Colin Powell drew little support recently as Powell delivered the commencement address at Harvard University. The gay community and its supporters are upset with the highest ranking African American in the U.S. military because of his opposition to homosexuals openly serving in the armed forces. Fewer than 200 of the 30,000 people attending the ceremony stood and turned their back on Powell as the gays had requested.

—CAMBRIDGE, MASS
EL RUKNS TO GET NEW TRIAL: New trials were ordered this month for three members of one of the nation's most notorious black street gangs—the El Rukns of Chicago. A federal judge ruled that prosecutors had misled the jury by withholding information. Thomas Burnside, Cordell Griffin and 20 D. Jackson had been convicted on charges, including narcotics conspiracy and racketeering. The El Rukns—formerly Black Stone Nation—had dominated several criminal enterprises in the Chicago area for over 20 years. —CHICAGO, IL

WASHINGTON, DC—World renowned boxing greats joined friends, fans, and family members of boxing legend Joe Louis, Tuesday, June 22, in Detroit, Michigan, at the U.S. Postal Service's dedication of a 29-cent commemorative stamp honoring the "Brown Bomber."

Among those who participated in the boxing ceremony held on a custom-made barge stage in Joe Louis Arena were Louis's son, Joe Louis Barrow, Jr.; LeGrice Daniels, member, U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors; and Samuel Green, Vice President of Customer Services for the U.S. Postal Service.

Born Joseph Louis Barrow in Lafayette, Ala. on May 13, 1914, Louis is the first profes-

sional prize fighter recognized with a U.S. commemorative stamp.

The stamp issuance marked the 55th anniversary of the 1938 Louis-Schmeling rematch, when Louis knocked out Germany's Max Schmeling in 2:04 of the first round. The fight, held just prior to Hitler's march through Europe, took on broader significance for a world gripped by fear and became a symbolic confrontation of democracy versus fascism.

"It is fitting that we dedicate the Joe Louis stamp on the anniversary of his historic fight. It marked the moment when Louis transcended boxing and became an American hero, and a symbol of hope for people throughout the world," said Postal Governor Daniels.

Reflecting upon his father's impact on America, Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. said, "I am constantly being greeted with stories of how my father truly changed the lives of people he never met—by his actions and his courage—and an extremely proud and privileged to be his son. My family and I are very honored that he, and his sport, have received the highest accolade that the U.S. Postal Service can bestow upon an individual and a sporting tradition."

The stamp, designed by Thomas Blackshear of Novato, Ca., is based on a classic photograph of the champ and shows Louis in a boxer's stance with fists held high, ready for action.

Louis began his boxing career in Detroit, winning 43 of 54 amateur bouts by knockout. He became a professional boxer in 1934. He won 63 of 66 professional contests: 49 by knockout; 13 by decision on points; and one through disqualification of his opponent.

Louis still holds three heavyweight boxing records: longest heavyweight title holder (11 years, 9 months); a 25-time title defender (more than the preceding eight heavyweight champions combined); and five first-round knockouts.

The "Brown Bomber" died in Las Vegas on April 12, 1981. He was elected to the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990.

Grad black celebration weekend

by William Reed

Black Americans are often found complaining that they have "nothing to celebrate" during the Independence Day festivities.

Just in time for the celebration of July Fourth 1993, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has given the nation's African Americans a monument to commemorate the service of thousands of black soldiers who gave their lives during America's war for independence.

On June 19th at the Valley Forge National Historical Park, the Delas, one of America's largest black sororities, unveiled the park's latest landmark, a "Monument to Patriots of African Descent."

The Delas' celebration was in concert with the 215th anniversary of the Continental Army's march out of its encampment here in Valley Forge. More than 30,000 people came to this site, 20 miles to the west of Philadelphia, to celebrate.

Although much of America's historical books, and textbooks, left out the contribution of blacks, through the research of Temple University Professor Charles Blockson and an-

other black historian, Dr. Benjamin Quarles, the Delas were able to show the nation that blacks served in the patriot forces' during the American Revolution.

On December 19, 1777, General George Washington led his tired 12,000-member Continental Army into Valley Forge during the heavy winter snow.

History does not show the numbers that died during the long, hard winter of 1777-78, but the survivors emerged a fierce, fighting force that went on to win the American War for independence.

At least 500 of the troops that fought, and endured the horrible conditions of that winter at Valley Forge, were of African descent.

The monument to these blacks is based on a design by black artist Cal Massey. The Delas, a 850-branch organization, and the Valley Forge

chapter led the campaign in raising \$100,000 to erect the monument.

Black newspaper publisher, Hugo Warren of the "Philadelphia New Observer," and television personality, Toni Marsh, were among the citizens from the local area that provided community input to the history-making project.

Warren noted that, "Blacks from across the country should come and see the good works we've done, in the past, and now for the future."

Massey's illustration portrays three black soldiers wearing uniform hats and Revolutionary War uniforms. The monument is located in the 30,000-acre national park across the road from the site of the original encampment of the Second Rhode Island—the first black regiment to serve in the Revolutionary War.

Brigadier General Clara L. Adams-Enders, Commanding General

of Fort Belvoir, Virginia and the highest ranking black woman in the U.S. Army, gave the keynote address at the unveiling ceremony.

She stated that, "Blacks should use this illustration of our glorious past to live into the future."

Pennsylvania Senator Harris Wofford told the Delas that the monument "will remind future generations of the contributions of African Americans in securing independence."

Over 14 percent of the 350,000 soldiers who served in the Continental Forces were blacks who were freed men or slaves seeking their freedom through combat.

According to Blockson, blacks such as Salem Poor, Peter Salem, Washington's personal slave Billy Lee, and Oliver Cromwell, who was in the boat with Washington during the historic crossing of the Delaware River, were among the troops sta-

tioned at Valley Forge.

Peter Decker, executive director of the Valley Forge Visitors and Convention Bureau, said, "We were pleased to work with the Delas to bring their vision home. And we are glad that such recognition is here for the nation to see. We invite this community and others, to come here and see the place where freedom began. This type of experience is an education for each, and all, of us."

Delta Eastern Region Director, Gwendolyn Boyd, told the Valley Forge Delta Chapter, "Congratulations to all of you who dared to take the unprecedented task of providing the first monument in the national park system to commemorate and to recognize the contributions of African-American patriots of the Revolutionary War. History will record your efforts as both innovative and visionary."

Ginsburg

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both Harvard Law School—where she was the first woman editor of the Harvard Law Review—and Columbia University School of Law. She was a professor at Columbia University School of Law as well as Rutgers University Law School, and received the outstanding Teacher Award (1979) from the Society of American Law Teachers.

The author of numerous books and articles on sex discrimination, constitutional law, and legal procedure, Ginsburg has also written key opinions in areas of civil rights, freedom of speech and religion, sex discrimination, and criminal law.

In 1991, she was rated by "American Lawyer" magazine as a "First-Rate Centrist" candidate for the U.S. Supreme Court.

The road to the Supreme Court has not been an easy one for Judge Ginsburg. Despite her enormous ability and academic achievements, Ginsburg was unable to get a job with a law firm in the early 1960s because she was a woman and the mother of a small child.

Having experienced discrimination, she devoted the next 20 years of her career to fighting it.

As head of the Women's Rights Project, Judge Ginsburg has either briefed or argued virtually every major sex discrimination case before the Supreme Court in the 1970s. It is for this reason that she is often called the "Thurgood Marshall of the women's movement."

In six of these landmark cases, Ginsburg actually presented the oral argument to the Supreme Court: five times she prevailed.

It is important to note that Judge Ginsburg came to her views and attitudes by doing, not merely by reading and studying," President Clinton said.

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Tit for Tat is a deadly game for the world

While the major media gives all kinds of evidence of how Americans support President Clinton's bombing of Iraq, many Americans are asking... Why? Why is it necessary? Are we becoming so weak that we have to prove that we can punish the weak with "an eye for an eye" mentality?

Most Americans no doubt abhor the threats of Hussein but they believe that we should launch bomb attacks against another country because of a "reported plan" to assassinate former President Bush. Are we becoming so over confident about our might and ability to retaliate that we are losing sight of world peace. We must show the world that as a superpower our power lies in our ability to gain worldwide cooperation. How long can these unimaginative bombings serve to threaten those already bent on creating chaos and destruction?

Unfortunately rather than deter those bent on shaking this country, we may be encouraging and baiting terrorists. We may be challenging these and other mad men to get even. We encourage the President to bring more attention to these international criminals by alternative means before resorting to military intervention or unilateral bombing attacks.



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

School is out for most young people, and many find themselves without any job, or constructive activities for them to engage in during the long, hot summer days.

Funding for some summer job programs have been drastically cut back, not funded, or haven't received word yet as to whether or not they will get money to offer opportunities to these young people, due to the inaction and vacillation of the legislative bodies in the state capital and in Washington, D.C.

Many young people have found themselves in direct competition with senior citizens and an overall older population of individuals looking for employment due to a slow economy over the past few years.

This year, the prospects are still dismal as many companies and businesses still have a freeze on hiring, or have a limited number of jobs which are available.

Faced with the choice of hiring workers with proven job records and varied work experiences, as opposed to new, and inexperienced workers who may need extensive training, for the same amount

of money, most employers are opting to hire the older workers.

Young people are indeed facing very difficult odds, and need the help and assistance of adults willing to be mentors and advisors, as they seek guidance and counseling.

It's important that each of us do all we can to help our youth to find and get involved with activities that will hopefully keep them engaged and active; because if we don't, there are plenty of negative forces and individuals who are just lurking around waiting to do them harm.

Block associations can plan group activities for the youth living in their areas. This can range from sports, to beautification activities that can be established as projects for youngsters to work on. Promoting civic pride and unity should be encouraged and nurtured as young people work together as a group on community projects.

Many churches have camps, and I would hope that some slots can be set aside for those young people whose parents can't afford some of the camp tuition fees involved in several of the programs in many cities.

Just getting a group of young people together to hold rap sessions, and letting them talk and discuss important issues among themselves would be mak-

ing an important contribution.

Encourage and assist them in developing fun projects and activities which don't necessarily require using a lot of resources and money.

Maybe young people in your neighborhoods can put together and organize talent shows which can take place outside, in a local community center, park or even someone's backyard.

I'm sure once people put their heads together, there are a lot of creative ideas and suggestions which can be brainstormed and then acted upon.

If we all try to help out, we can make an important contribution to our youth this summer.

It's not enough to say to them, "keep out of trouble" and then expect for them to spend eight to ten hours just lounging or hanging around on the streets without the proper supervision or guidance. We must help to keep them out of trouble. If we invest time in doing this, it will be a net plus for all members of our community.

While it's deplorable that far too many of our elected officials have failed to fight for important and necessary programs for our youth, we can't afford to wait around expecting them to suddenly become sensitized to our children's needs. We must make it happen by utilizing the talents, gifts, and abilities which all of us individually possess.

The Danger of Worshipping False Idols

by Dr. John L. Cashin

"To yield our homage to those who do not deserve it is to pervert a pure and noble instinct. We cannot worship the degraded except by sinking to lower depths of degradation."

— Dr. Cashin, 1975

It may seem to be the epitome of egotism to open a column of political and social opinion with an aphorism. I wrote, But, the above quotation is very, very special.

In 1975, I was trying to encapsulate the entire spectrum of Black America's problems into a five-minute preface which would serve as a profound introduction to any sermon I wanted to deliver to any audience I was appearing before. Unfortunately for us, the problems black people were suffer-

ing in 1975 are the same, if not worse, today in 1993. And, my attention-getter from the era is even more applicable today.

I put a lot of time and thought into synthesizing that preface, and the above two sentences were my "punchlines" to emphasize to Black America what our real problems are: following false leaders and worshipping the corrupt values of our parasitic oppressors!

To our everlasting discredit, we as a people have seemingly abandoned the wisdom intrinsic to the African-American genetic pool. This would be excusable if all African Americans were uniformly ignorant and uneducated, but, this is obviously not the case.

"African Americans" have produced brilliant scholars, scientists, actors, athletes, and civic heroes in great numbers, but their finest efforts are denied our people, through both white

manipulation and black insouciance.

White manipulation and exploitation of our people is an inescapable fact that even our worst apologists concede. But, many of them cleverly use it to advance their personal and private fortunes. This probably accounts in large part for its widespread application and persistence.

Black insouciance may seem to be a separate entity, but upon analysis can be shown to be simply a product of the aforementioned white manipulation!

The very best fact that can be put on the hundreds of years of African slavery in America is one of prolonged education in the ways of the beast. Sufficient knowledge was gleaned from each and every participant in commercial slavery to establish their evil parasitic identity forever.

The simple fact that our ancestors were forbidden an education unmarks their pretentious overtures to humanity and Christian spirituality. But, the sexual indulgences with female slaves, followed by selling their own progeny as slaves, is the most outrageous immorality of all, and is beyond forgiveness!

Since every African American knows this, I wonder why so many of us still kowtow to, and worship these degenerates and their materialistic values!

Could it be that a psychological addiction to the slave system is still in existence?

Could it be that many of our women "fell in love" with their night-time lovers in spite of seeing their own children sold as farm animals?

Could it be that ignorance associated with denial of education is an inescapable hangover for the masses of our people?

Could it be that we have forgotten, en masse, the cruel but factual lessons we learned about our evil parasites during slavery?

The answer is... all of the above, and more! We have a new monster on the scene today that has literally stolen our minds from us! It is called television.

Just as our bodies become what we eat, our intellects become what we spend our time doing, and school children, both black and white, have become prisoners of television! Garbage in, garbage out!

Paternal time has been sacrificed on the altar of materialism, engendered

and promoted by TV, and the kiddies have been left to raise themselves... in front of the TV set!

Too many black families have been caught in this mad scramble for material possessions... totally oblivious to the inescapable fact that their most precious possessions are their children! And, if those children are not taught that their most precious possession is their mind, and that the only way to develop that mind is to learn to read, comprehend, and critically, they will never know the truth that can set them free. A fully developed mind cannot be enslaved, not even by TV or false leaders.

So now, back to the Down Home Basic Strategy!! Save your money! Get everybody registered to vote! And keep on reading Down Home! This struggle is not over yet!

Beyond the call of duty

Dear Editor:

Big white Caprices with flashing red lights, a cop roughly handcuffing a suspect and obnoxious faces peering into my Ford saying "Miss can I have your license and registration?" are my usual images of the men and women in blue.

But as of last night, I gratefully get to add another picture: two young police officers, Officers Valenti and Roman, in the wee hours of the morning, trying to balance a 40-foot extension ladder against a tree as my little kitten, Princess Yasmin, meowed loudly for someone to hurry up and save her!

Well, after a half hour, we did grab her and brought her home; and as the squad car pulled off, I was left on my porch scratching my head.

To my knowledge, 203 West Ninth Street isn't in Mayberry, right? And Ozzie and Harriet aren't my neighbors.

This is Plainfield, a city that's slipped from exclusive to notorious. We've got mansions on one tree-

lined street and crack heads on the next.

Ours is a town riddled with ironies: there's up-scale Sloop Hollow and an adult shelter; a large professional population and an equally large drug population. We have more than our fair share of violent crimes, loads of big city ills and local law enforcement trying to keep up with it all.

So with all of this as a backdrop, it's pretty amazing to realize that you can still dial "911" and say "My cat is stuck in a tree" and not get laughter, but two helpful, burly guys instead.

The next time a Plainfield resident thinks of our local police men and women simply on remote control in an unsuccessful fight against crime, think again.

The police work hard and they really do care about our problems, from the horrific to the mundane.

Debbie Russell-Brown
Plainfield

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KIDS Kalendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will be having a Garden Grab Bag program in the Alice Ransom Dryfus Memorial Garden at 12:30 p.m. (at the Englehard Court if it rains). For more information call 201-555-6550.

NOW THRU JULY 9

NEW YORK—Children's Museum of the Arts offers creative playgroups from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. daily, for children 18 months to 4 years, at the Museum, 72 Spring Street, SoHo. For more information, call Pety Kolmeyer at 212-274-0088.

NOW THRU JULY 16

MONTCLAIR—Project JOY (Jazz Opportunities for Youth), a summer jazz improvisation workshop, will be at Montclair State College campus. For more information and application, call 201-855-5444.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

NEW YORK—Children's Museum of the Arts in SOHO will feature a Flags and Banners Day, celebrating Independence Day. Children will create their own flags. For more information, call 212-941-9168.

JULY 5 THRU 9

NORTH BRANCH—The Raritan Valley Community College Department of Athletics is holding its 16th Annual Golden Lions Sports Basketball Camp for players ages 8 to 18. Register before July 5. Late registration fee is \$10. For more information call 908-526-1200, ext. 8320.

JULY 6 TO JULY 30

MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Arts Museum Art School will offer morning and afternoon classes daily for two, 2-week sessions. Apply early; limited scholarships available. For more information, call 201-746-9620.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

METUCHEN—The Forum Theatre Group in conjunction with Yates Musical Theatre will present "Peter Pan" at 314 Main St. 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$7 for adults. For more information, call 908-548-0582.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents Children's Theatre: Pinky and the Twinkles at the Museum at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 201-555-6550.

Superintendent awards scholarships to Newark students

NEWARK—Twenty-two Newark graduates will have financial help from the Executive Superintendent when paying college tuition next fall. They will have \$1,000 renewable scholarships to help with expenses. The scholarship awards were presented in a ceremony on Friday, June 25.

The students were selected based on their academic achievement and potential for success in post-secondary education, as well as financial need. Executive Superintendent Eugene C. Campbell said the selection process was difficult. "You have so many students, who show so much promise and you really want to give something to all of them," he said.

This is the third consecutive year the Superintendent's Scholarship Fund has been assisting nearly 200 high school graduates in pursuing higher education. More than 60 students have received \$1,000 renewable scholarships since 1990.

"It's important to invest in our students because it's an investment in our future," Mr. Campbell said.

The 1993 recipients plan to attend local, as well as out of state colleges with majors in teaching, law, engineering, medicine and accounting.

The 1993 scholarship recipients are:

Central: William Barnard and Kowayne Whitlock

East Side: Vilma da Silva, Alexandra Esteves, Alvin Horton, Jacqueline Tobio and Towane Thomas

West Side: Schenice Garvin, Candice Haskins, and Walter LaMar

Science: Enoch Glover, Narciso Ortiz and Chanda Pinkney

University: Dietera Leaf and Martinique Moore

Barringer: Stephanie Lee, Marvin Rodriguez and Tracey Thompson

West Side: Felicia Mitchell and Leonard Salah-Din, Jr.

Shabazz: Renee Nutall

Art: Maribel Ponce

Scholarships offered to 'Young Woman' candidates

AUDUBON—Centenary College in Hackensacktown has joined the ranks of colleges and universities that offer college scholarships to candidates in the New Jersey Young Woman of the Year program.

Centenary College will be one of four institutions in New Jersey which will offer a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to high school senior girls who participate in the program in January, 1994. The other three schools are the College of St. Elizabeth, Caldwell College and Upsala College.

Candidates who apply for this program must be high school senior girls graduating with the Class of 1994, have scholastic ability, leadership in school, talent, presence, composure, and fitness.

The New Jersey Young Woman of the Year program is now seeking candidates to participate in the State Finals in January, 1994.

For a free brochure on how to participate in this scholarship program, please send a postcard to New Jersey Junior Miss, Inc., P.O. Box 246, Dept. C, Audubon, NJ 08106.

Students excel in art



Eight students from Irvington were among the winners in this year's "Imagine A World Without Hunger" poster contest, sponsored by the Extra Helping Program of the Community Foodbank of New Jersey. Ana Sanchez (first place) and Naomi Roman (second place) were winners in the high school division; Shari Anderson (first place) and Isaac Houston (second place) represented the middle school division; and Kathie Acevedo (first place), Edna Feliciano (second place), Richard Randall and Damien Newman (both third) won for the elementary division. Irvington Art Supervisor Mary Jane Austin accompanied the students and parents to The Manor in West Orange, where they each received savings bonds. First place winners received \$125 savings bonds, second place winners received \$75 savings bonds, while third place winners were awarded \$50 savings bonds.

AKAs honor scholarship recipients



The Theta Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated honored their Scholarship Recipients and their mothers at their Annual Scholarship Tea. Joycel Crawford of Mount St. Mary Academy; Amara Ellis, Pam Franklin, Teletia Franklin, and Alecia Williams of Plainfield High School; Mirlande Jean of Linden High School; Shanda Johnson and Takisha McCall of Scotch Plains High School; and Scarth Parker of Gill St. Bernard received a total of \$9,000 from Theta Phi Omega Chapter.

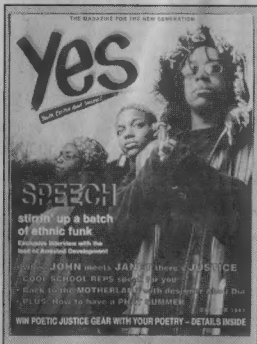
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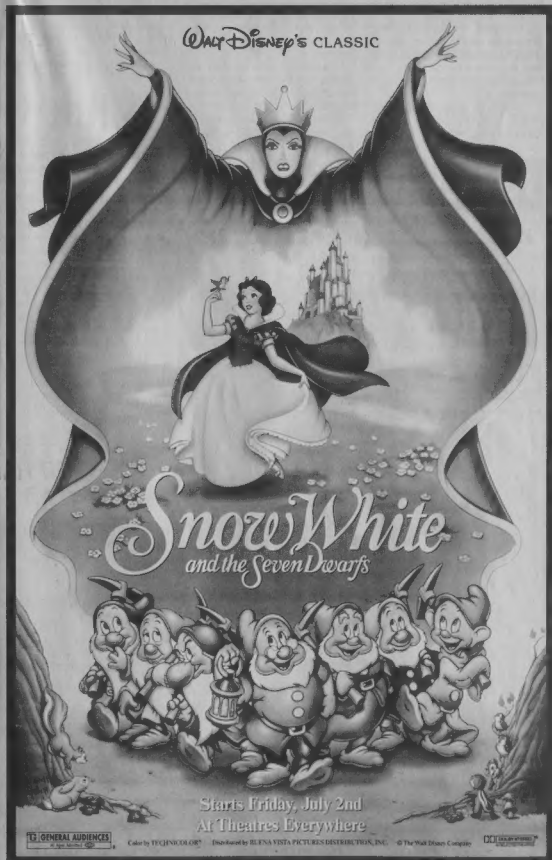
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NOW THRU JULY 4

NEWARK—First Mt. Zion Baptist Church will sponsor a Carnival from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sat. and 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday. The carnival will take place on Broad Street between Tichenor & South Streets. For Newark. For more info call 201-242-4173.

NOW THRU JULY 7

WONTICLAIR—Unity Church will offer Classes for Prosperity Transformation, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the course will be conducted by Rev. Vivian Huber at 84 Orange Road, Montclair, N.J. For further information call 210-748-8417.

JULY 8 THRU JULY 9

PITTSBURGH, PA—Wesley Center A.M.E. Zion Church will host a revival featuring Rev. George Mays, III of Jersey City.

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Religious Calendar
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Program builds friendships between young and old

PLAINFIELD—Senior citizens and preschool children have both made new friends as a result of a new intergenerational program sponsored by Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center's Adult Medical Day Care Program and A Children's Place Child Care Center.

"About 12 years ago, people started to realize that there were positive effects of mixing people of different ages, rather than keeping age groups segregated," explained Theresa Caputo, director of A Children's Place, the child care center sponsored by Muhlenberg. "We began our program six months ago, and have seen friendships forming between our preschoolers and the senior citizens who attend the Adult Medical Day Care Center."

Each month, a group of 10 to 12 Adult Day Care participants visit the preschool class at A Children's Place. The adults range in age from 50 to 90 years old. The children are three to

four years old.

The group participates in common activities that are of interest to the young and the old alike—music, art, parties, picnics.

"We take turns planning our monthly programs," explained Kathy Mayer, Adult Day Care activities coordinator. "So far we've done craft projects, planned seedlings, had a picnic lunch outside and more. One of our participants, Leon Christmas, is a church organist, and so we've even had very lively sing-alongs."

According to Mayer, the program is geared to meet the needs of both age groups.

"Watching the interaction between our two groups does something good for your heart," said Judy Miller, director of the Adult Day Care programs. "Our adults see their hope for the future in the young faces, and the children look forward to seeing the seniors each week with excitement and anticipation."



Three-year-old Justin Rosenberg of Plainfield and 84-year-old Rose Foti of Scotch Plains share special times as a result of the new intergenerational program developed by Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Newark's Reading Recovery Program gets major grant from Prudential

NEWARK—First-grade students who have trouble reading are getting a big boost from The Prudential. The insurance company donated a \$150,000 grant to help the Newark Board of Education's Reading Recovery Program. The three-year grant will provide special teacher training from New York University.

Reading Recovery is a proven early-intervention program that dramatically improves the reading skills of first-grade students. It targets students performing in the bottom 20 percent of their class. The goal of the program is to make students self-sufficient when they encounter new problems—that is, to create problem-solvers. The results are amazing. In Columbus, Ohio, where the program has been in place for at least five years, 83 percent of the students who participated in Reading Recovery in first grade stayed within the average band of their class without additional remedial help.

In Newark, the program has been in place for only two years, serving about 35 students. There is no formal data here since the program is so young. However, similar results are expected.

Executive Superintendent Eugene C. Campbell said the Reading Recovery program is extremely im-

portant for our problem readers.

"If we can identify a child in first grade who has a reading problem and give that student the focused instruction he or she needs, we've helped alleviate a potential problem in the future," he said.

This non-traditional instruction program involves intense, daily, 30-minute, one-on-one training sessions for 12 to 20 weeks. Lessons include reading to build fluency and confidence, daily writing assignment to help understand the relationship between reading and writing, reading favorite books and learning to hear sounds in words.

There are currently four Reading Recovery teachers in the district who can each train up to 12 students per year. Because of the grant from The Prudential, the number of teachers is expected to increase to more than 100 by 1996. The grant will cover the cost of training two teacher leaders at New York University in each of the next two school years. The teacher leaders train other teachers in Reading Recovery.

Currently, there is only one teacher leader in Newark, Eileen Hudak-Huelbig of Wilson Avenue School, who finished the New York University Reading Recovery program this month. Ms. Hudak-Huelbig be-

gins training other teachers later this year at the new teacher training center being developed at Camden Elementary School.

Reading Recovery is in four schools in Newark: Clinton Avenue, E. Alma Flagg, Elliott Street and Wilson Avenue Schools.

Ramapo and Englewood Public Schools battle math and science deficiencies

MAHWAH—Ramapo College and the Englewood Public School system are teaming up to improve the math and science skills of grammar school students.

Through an Eisenhower Grant, the two entities are double-teaming the science and math education dilemma in their own neck of the woods, and the program can be a model for other school systems throughout the country.

The grant received by Project

WHY was one of only 17 awarded nationally, and the program is designed to improve student attitudes toward math and science in the elementary and middle schools. "Englewood's Year-one activities were devoted to planning and intensive teacher training in content. The training was conducted by Ramapo College math and science faculty."

The goal is to improve math and science school teaching and

learning on the elementary school level," explained Gabriella Wepner, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at Ramapo and project coordinator for Project WHY.

According to Wepner, evaluations have been done each year of the program. "According to the (preliminary evaluation) report, the kids are making significant gains in math and science content knowledge. Also, the teachers have become more comfortable and they are spending more

time on the subject."

For the second time, as a bonus, the second-, fourth- and seventh-graders from Englewood made a one-day field trip to Ramapo College. The seventh-graders, 189 students, visited the campus on May 21, followed by 162 fourth-graders on June 4, and 189 second-graders on June 11.

For more information about the project, contact Dr. Wepner at 201-529-7528.

What women should keep in mind

by Charles E. Belle

While having a man around the house has always been good advice for families, it is also a foundation for fighting teenage pregnancy. According to the National Institute for Healthcare Research, "the natural father's involvement with teenagers is one of the best preventions of early sexual activity in all races."

In young black females, for example, the presence of the biological father in the home, reduced the likelihood of initiation of sexual intercourse before 16 years of age by 42 percent. "While this nearly cut in half promiscuity by African-American female teenagers," white and Chicano females also were significantly more likely to delay sexual intercourse as were males of different ethnic groups in excess of 50 percent,"

the report continued. And, stepfathers don't do the trick. A dramatic increase of 75 percent in early sexual activity occurred in Chicano females, if they live with a stepfather. Young women of other ethnic backgrounds, who live with a stepfather, showed similar increases in sexual activity, the institute found.

If worrying about a child is not enough, what can a woman watch out for regarding a man and herself?

"Men, particularly those over age 40, are much more prone to snore and to suffer from 'sleep apnea,' which is characterized by extremely loud, heroic snoring and periodic breathing cessation. Sleep apnea is a serious disorder, so if it interferes with a spouse's sleep, seek medical help. A good night's sleep, according to many experts, is needed by everyone. This is especially true of women who work and get 20 minutes less sleep per night than a man."

Women who cater to the needs of a baby or toddler get 40 to 50 minutes less sleep.

The worst sin of all is for a woman to forget

her own health. In California, a woman's chances of developing breast cancer is 11 percent among white women, 9 percent among African-American women, 6 percent among Hispanic/Latino women, and 5 percent among Asian-American women.

The chance of dying from breast cancer is 3 percent higher for white women and African-American women and 1 percent for Hispanic/Latino and Asian-American women.

A woman's best defense against breast cancer is screening for early detection, treatment and cure. Women over the age of 18 should get a pap smear every year. Women over 40 should get a colorectal exam and discuss mammography with their physician. While women over 50 should get a mammogram every year.

Don't smoke. Eat five servings of fruits and vegetables a day as part of a diet that is high in fiber and low in fat and you can cut down on your chance of developing or dying from cancer.

Remember you can conquer illness with rest. So, give sleep the priority it deserves, and it will increase substantially your efficiency and productivity to fight cancer as well as manage relationships with children and family.

Aerobic athletes to perform in 5th annual Giants benefit half-time show

EAST RUTHERFORD—Does the thought of an aerobics workout in front of 76,000 people during half-time of a Giants football game excite you?

If so, contact the American Lung Association of New Jersey for information about the 5th annual aerobics benefit performance "Giant Steps Against Asthma," which will take place Sunday, Nov. 28 during the Giants-Phoenix Cardinals game in Giants Stadium.

The event is open to all fitness enthusiasts and professionals. Participants will be required to memorize an 8-minute routine, raise \$125 in sponsor pledge donations and sit

tend group practice sessions in Giants Stadium and other locations in North and Central New Jersey.

Kim Carissimo, aerobics director at Classic Athletic Club in Lyndhurst and owner of Target Zone Fitness Consultants, is the event director.

Carissimo, who has been associated with the event since its inception in 1989, said the routine will be fun to do and easy to learn. Rehearsals will begin following Labor Day.

For information about the event, contact the American Lung Association of NJ at 201-791-6600, 908-687-9340 or 609-625-0101.

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HOW THRU JULY 8

NEW YORK—The Film Forum is proud to present a program of two new, independent documentaries by African-American filmmakers Katha Sandler ("A Question of Color") and Martin Ritt ("No Regrets") concerning African-American identity. For more information, call Alisa Buckley at 212-627-2055.

HOW THRU JULY 24

NEW YORK—Lincoln Center Productions' "Midsummer Night's Dream," one of New York City's most popular summer programs, returns to Fountain Plaza for its fifth season. For more information call 212-596-5400.

HOW THRU JULY 25

MONTCLAIR—Honor Thy Father, "a site specific" installation by African-American artist Lorraine Pace, will be exhibited at The Montclair Art Museum, 3 South Mountain Avenue. The multi-media piece is presented as a tribute to Pace's late father. For more information call 201-746-9118.

MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Art Museum will display a selection of elegant evening gowns from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. For museum hours or any other information call 201-746-8598.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

NEWARK—Newark Black Film Festival, "a summer festival of films by black filmmakers and films featuring the history and culture of black people in America and elsewhere, will be held at The Newark Museum, 40 Washington St., at 7 p.m. The Museum presents the film "Saturday Night, Sunday Morning: The Travel of Gaius M. Moore." Admission is free. For more information, call 201-596-6550.

UNION—The annual Union County Senior Citizens Art Contest and Exhibit opens at Elizabeth Town Gas Company Headquarters. The public is invited to meet the artists and judges at an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 908-558-2550.

THURSDAY, JULY 1

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will present Keith Marie, painter, in concert at the Museum in the Sculpture Garden at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 201-596-6550.

JULY 5 THRU JULY 11

NEWARK—The National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers, Inc. presents their 44th Annual Fashion Show at the Ramada Hotel, Newark International Airport. For more information, call 201-429-7089.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

NEWARK—Just Another Gin On The RTT will be shown at Symphony Hall as part of the Newark Black Film Festival. Admission is free. For more information, call 201-596-6550.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will present Jackie Jones, vocalist, in concert at the Museum, in the Sculpture Garden at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 201-596-6550.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

NEWARK—Tricia Slatka and the Richard Rietz Quartet will perform at the Newark Division of Recreation/Cultural Affairs in Washington Park from 12:30 to 2 p.m. For more information, call 201-733-6454.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

NEWARK—The film "Nothing But A Man" will be shown at The Newark Museum as part of the Newark Black Film Festival. Admission is free. For more information call 201-596-6550.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will present Peter Adams, guitarist, in a jazz concert at the Museum in the Sculpture Garden at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 201-596-6550.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

NEWARK—The Ronnell Bey Trio will perform at the Newark Division of Recreation/Cultural Affairs in Washington Park from 12:30 to 2 p.m. For more information, call 201-733-6454.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

NEWARK—The films "Passin' It On" and "Eight Trey Gangster" will be shown at The Newark Museum as part of the Newark Black Film Festival. Admission is free. For more information call 201-596-6550.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

NEWARK—The films "Pull Your Head To The Moon," "Burn Heads," "DA Bridge," and "The Weekend Of Our Discontentment" will be shown at Symphony Hall as part of the Newark Black Film Festival. Admission is free. For more information, call 201-596-6550.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

HOLMDEL—Al Jarreau and David Sanborn team up in concert at the Garden State Arts Center. For more information, call 908-442-9200.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

HOLMDEL—Garden State Arts Center presents The Temptations and Four Tops in concert. For more information, call 908-442-9200.

National Alliance of Federal Postal Employees presents

The Scoop

by Janice Malone

Darkest Before the Dawn: It's unfortunate that actress Dawn Lewis was dropped from the ABC hit series "Hanging With Mr. Cooper." She was spotted recently at a party, not looking too happy. Super Scooper Sources (S/S) say there were several guys who wanted to ask her for a dance, but were scared to do so. S/S further say that she was reportedly fired from her former hit series "A Different World."

B Angie B-Baby: Rap star B Angie B is expecting the shock any day now. The SCOOP's not sure who the proud father is, but one thing is certain — it's definitely not Mike Tyson!

Heard He's No Nerd: Everyone's favorite nerd, "Steve Erkel," a.k.a. Jaleel White, was also seen at a party escorting not one, but two babes! Both were said to be about 14 or 15 and were more than happy to be with him. S/S report that "Erkel" is a regular on the ski slopes of Aspen, Colorado, and enjoys surfing in Maui.

Fire One, Fire Two: S/S say that Jay Williams was supposedly fired from the Sheridan Broadcasting Network for reportedly firing handsome hunk Donnie Simpson from his national radio countdown show. With that thought in mind, always remember what grandma used to say: "If you dig one ditch...," Donnie is, of course, doing more than okay at his new gig with top D.C. area radio station and his (BET) "Video Soul!"

show is stronger than ever.

SCOOP Trivia: Remember the 80's hot-hit making group Confunkshun? Their former drummer Lewis McCall is now reportedly working as a sales clerk in a Los Angeles area Circuit City electronics store. By the way, Confunkshun's greatest hits album was released a few days ago. And, where is actress Jackie O' 227? Jackie O' 227's former manager, who reported that her egotistical attitude bounced her from NBC and CBS. Does that mean she's gone back to being called "Jackie," or all the way back to when she was called "Jacqueline"?

They Like Ike: Ike Turner, former hubby to rock/pop queen Tina Turner is somewhat of a comeback. Since the release of the new how

movie "What's Love Got To Do With It," based on Tina's autobiography, Ike's become a hot item among the media. In a recent interview with THE SCOOP, Ike reveals plans for his own autobiography, which he says, "my version will set the record straight on many things..." He's also got a new nine-piece band, with whom he's recording an album. And, he had this to say regarding Tina and her Ikettes: "I don't dance, but every step people saw Tina and the Ikettes do, came from me. I trained Tina on how to dance...I was the first person to do the robot dance, and when I knew anything, the whole world was doing it! I'm new training some new 90's version of the Ikettes — they're from 18-30..." By the way, Ike is 61 years old.

Is It A Black Thang?: Twins Albert and Alan Hughes, directors of the smash hit movie "Menace II Society," made this comment to THE SCOOP during a lengthy interview: "We don't like being compared to other black filmmakers," says Alan. "We're offended. Other black filmmakers should also be offended, too, because the media tries to categorize all of us, as if they say, 'All you black filmmakers go over into that corner.' They

don't refer to us as 'filmmakers' — period, as they do with Scorsese and others..."

Family Matters: Recording star James Ingram and his wife of nearly 20 years have three girls, two boys and another baby daughter on the way, by the fall. What's ironic is the James comes from a family of the opposite make-up: four boys and two girls! All of James' children have first names that begin with the letter "J."

Yakety Yak Actor: Talk show host Montel Williams has been smitten by the old acting bug. He's done a few minor roles in some upcoming television episodes, and also did other acting parts before he started talking that talk on his own TV talk show. The acting bug has also been nibbling on crooner Peabo Bryson. Super! Scooper/Sources say that Bryson reportedly almost turned down doing the "Beauty and the Beast" soundtrack project because he wanted to act in a community theater play! He had a change of heart, thank goodness, and the rest is history, of course. Catch Peabo on tour with Kenny G, coming to a city near you soon.

'Guelwaar,' to have theatrical premiere at Lincoln Plaza Cinemas

NEW YORK—"Guelwaar," a trenchant comic portrait of contemporary Africa by the great Senegalese filmmaker Ousmane Sembene, will have its first theatrical run at the Lincoln Plaza Cinemas, following a highly successful, limited engagement this past April as part of the Film Society of Lincoln Center's African film festival.

"Guelwaar," marks a return to the epic social comedy of Sembene's previous masterpieces "Mandabi" (1969) and "Xala" (1974), with a single, absurd situation crystallizing a wide-ranging vision of Senegalese society, African history, and universal human truths.

The story revolves around the mysterious death, and even more mysterious disappearance after death, of Pierre Henri Thioune Guelwaar, a political activist, philanthropic patriarch, and pillar of the local Christian community.

To the horror of his fellow Christians, it is discovered that Guelwaar's errant course was mis-identified and mistakenly buried in a Muslim cemetery.

This sets off a tempest of bureaucratic red tape, family conflicts, and religious factionalism, culminating

in a tense standoff at the disputed grave site.

Sembene is a master storyteller, but, as always in his films, the central story represents only a fraction of the film's overall impact.

"Guelwaar" demonstrates Sembene's mastery of free-flowing, digressive, richly variegated structures. It is many films in one: black comedy, political allegory, social satire, family drama, and, at the end, thunderous indictment of the twin

evils of homegrown African corruption and neocolonial Western aid.

"Guelwaar," a New York Films release, will be screened on Tuesday, June 29 at 3 p.m. and Thursday, July 8 at 10 a.m. at the Warner's screening room, Museum of Modern Art; and on Wednesday, July 14 at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Plaza Cinemas.

Call Harris Dew or Robert Hunter at 212-247-6110 for more information.

NJSO's to broadcast on the American Public Radio Network

NEWARK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce that its third annual series of nationwide radio broadcasts will be heard this summer on stations from New York to Los Angeles.

The eight new 1993 programs will be heard on the American Public Radio network. In New York, on

WNYC, the new broadcasts will begin on July 4, following the current series of re-broadcasts.

The programs, produced by WNYC, include performances recorded during the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons featuring conductors Hugh Wolff, Zdenek Macal, Catherine Comet, Joseph Silverstein, and others.



Taj Mahal to perform at Bené

Jazz, folk, blues artist, Taj Mahal, will be performing in concert at the Club Bené Dinner Theatre, located on Rt. 35 in Sayreville, on Thursday, July 22, for one night only. On this evening, Taj will perform one show at 9 p.m. with an optional dinner being served at 7 p.m. For more information, or to reserve a space, call 908-727-3000.

Guest artists include Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Richard Stoltzman, Jaime Laredo, Joshua Bell, James Tocco, and the Westminster Choir.

The concerts were recorded at Symphony Hall in Newark, the State Theatre in New Brunswick, and Richardson Auditorium in Princeton.

The NJSO's programs are

thematically designed so that each radio program offers music from different concert series. Themes for this season's broadcasts include "Music and the Macabre," "Sacred Sounds," "Rhythmic Voices," and programs devoted to the music of English composers, Beethoven and Vivaldi.

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CITY BUSINESS

Supermarkets can Help our Communities

by William Reed

The idea of being able to eat, sleep and go fishing, is a lifestyle desired by most Americans. But in this half of the 20th century, the simple concept of getting something to eat is a significant obstacle to whatever self-sufficiency blacks seek to claim across America's racial divide.

If America's urban blacks want something to eat, from caviar to cereal, nine times out of ten, they have to get it from an Asian or white storekeeper.

Sleeping and fishing are things blacks can accomplish pretty much on their own. But in today's urban setting, for us to get anything in our belly, we first have to go to a supermarket that is owned by a member of another racial group.

Why is it that for something so basic as eating, we can't even supply ourselves? It's not Kroger, Vons, Ralph's, Safeway or Big Bear, Black

Americans would be as bad off as the people of Somalia. Some of us pray daily for our "bread," but most usually pay for it at the Jewel grocery store.

In the 1990s, the window of opportunity for blacks to buy back their neighborhoods couldn't be open any wider.

In most of America's inner-city areas, the residents cry of "abandonment." Most major supermarkets have boxed up their meats and canned goods and gone to suburbia.

Except for the small stores of merchant Arabs and Asians in America, there is no place that urban blacks can buy asparagus. When will concerned groups of us band together to buy supermarkets to service our communities?

The 58th largest company on the 1993 Black Enterprise Top 100 Listing is a Brooklyn company called Restoration Supermarket Corp. Located in the inner-city, Restoration is a product of the 26-year-old Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp., which is a community development project started by the late Senator Robert Kennedy.

The supermarket and drug store have annual gross revenues of \$25.5 million and help put bread on the table for almost 200 employees. Restoration is an excellent example of what vision and defined community development can accomplish.

If blacks across the country would band their human and financial resources together, they too could pro-

vide a place where our people can get the basics of life.

In Baltimore exists two shining instances of "us serving us." Community Foods Inc., is a chain of black-owned supermarkets in that city that employ 400 local residents and grossed \$42.5 million in 1992. The people at "Stop, Shop and Save" in Baltimore grossed \$66 million and employed 600 people in their grocery retailing business.

The experts will tell you that before you start any business venture you should do research. So start some research on "How Black-Owned Supermarkets Can Help All of Us."

The African-American community is 30 million people strong. We have an annual household income of \$20,000 and a collective \$300 billion annual income. Eighty-eight percent of the black population is in 10 metropolitan areas.

Black companies in the BE 100's food and beverage industry segment had 27.3 percent, and a \$2.5 billion share, of the total \$5.7 billion earned by all companies.

The next phase of research is to get three close friends, who potentially can get their hands on 5 to 10 thousand bucks, and go for a ride across Chicago, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, and seven other inner-city areas in the nation. Seeking some form of joint venture with established chains should not be ignored by visionaries.

Calls to Rodrick Mitchell, who

runs Restoration in Brooklyn, or Baltimore's Community Foods' top

guy, Oscar Smith, and/or Henry Baines at Stop, Shop and Save would go a long

way in getting started in this basic kind of development for the community.

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Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

NEW YORK-Rutgers University - Graduate School of Management, the NJ-based investment banking and brokerage firm T.R. Winston & Company, Inc., and AT&T have organized a half-day conference at Chemical Bank, 270 Park Avenue, NY. For more information, call 908-234-0300.

THURSDAY, JULY 1

HILLSBOROUGH-How to Buy Local Tax Liens that Earn 18% will be offered by the Jointure for Community Education at Hillsborough High School from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call the Adult School at 908-271-2844 or the instructor at 609-700-TAX LIEN.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

NEWARK-Brenda Hopper, director of the NJ Small Business Development Center, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Center/City Development Corporation, to be held at 8 a.m. at the Newark Club, One Newark Center's 22nd floor.

Business counselors needed

NEWARK—The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is actively recruiting men and women with varied business backgrounds to become members of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

SCORE is a voluntary organization comprised of retired and active businessmen and women who provide one-on-one counseling to established or prospective small business owners/managers in need of advice on how to manage their business.

"Despite SCORE's success in New Jersey, we are still in need of more volunteers to meet the growing demand for business development assistance, particularly in Southern New Jersey," said William Schoephoester, SCORE district manager for New Jersey.

Individuals who can donate a few hours a week or a few days a week helping small businesses grow and prosper are asked to contact William Schoephoester of the Northern Jersey SCORE office at 201-645-3982 between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., or Lionel Dreheon of Southern New Jersey SCORE at 609-257-5184 between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

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Sportlight

by R.L. Greene

Two days before he died in February, Arthur Ashe completed his memoir, "Days of Grace," in which the final chapter is a marvelous letter to his daughter, Camara.

"By the time you read this letter from me to you for the first time, I may not be around to discuss with you what I have written here," the graceful, thoughtful man named Arthur begins his poignant paean. It, like everything else in the book, is right on target.

"Days of Grace," being published this week, is a remarkable look at the life of a remarkable man, a Black man who, in his own thoughtful way, shucked off the limiting chains of segregation in his native Virginia and become the best in the world as an athlete while, at the same time, becoming a scholar and remaining all the while an absolute gentleman.

It probably is no coincidence that "Days of Grace" is being published the same week as the world's greatest tennis tournament, Wimbledon, begins its two-week run in the suburb of London.

Only one Black man has ever won the single title at Wimbledon: Arthur Ashe. And before him, Althea Gibson became the first and still the only Black to capture the women's crown.

Yet, while the few Black profes-

sionals who tour the world's tennis courts in the constant chase for money, computer point and titles are not even remotely given a chance at winning this third leg of the sport's Grand Slam, they wrote a remarkable record earlier this month.

In Birmingham, England, at the Edgbaston women's tournament, three of the four semifinalists were Black, and a fourth was eliminated in the third round.

In Florence, Italy, a Black player from Haiti, Ronald Agener, reached the semifinals, while Mali Vail Washington, the top-ranked Black male player in the world, reached the semifinals at Rosmalen, Netherlands.

In a way, all of these are result of Ashe's Wimbledon victory in 1975. For it was then that a world-wide television audience saw a Black man ascend to the top of what many considered to be a game played strictly by and for rich whites.

That's why, 18 years later in the British town of Birmingham, Zina Garrison-Jackson of Houston played fellow Blacks in her final three matches. She defeated Katriina Adams of Chicago 6-3, 6-2 in the third round, then ousted 17-year-old Chanda Rubin of Lafayette, La., 6-1, 6-2 in the semifinals before losing to Lori McNeil of Houston 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 in the final, for those keeping track, that's three Blacks in the final four at a major stop on the women's tour.

In "Days of Grace," Arthur at-

tacks a number of issues straight on, including Zina's lack of commercial endorsements because of her color and the sexual appetites of Magic Johnson and Wilt Chamberlain.

Yet, Arthur was very cognizant of his somewhat stormy relationship with Black Americans in general.

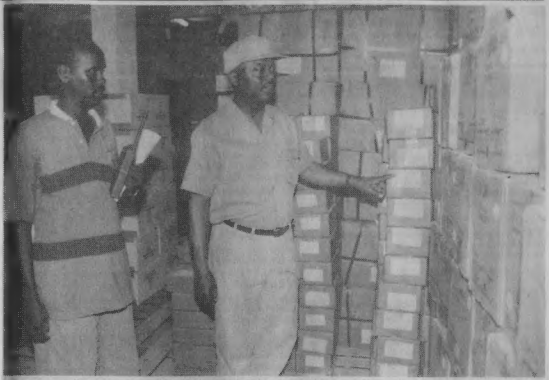
"I am aware of the distance between me as I live, on the one hand, and the masses of Black people as they live, on the other," he wrote. "Money and fame can be insuperable barriers to understanding, even among members of a family.... Although the world has changed and I have changed since my boyhood, I have always tried to keep up as best I can with the changes."

"I have never wanted to live far away from people who look like me and my family; I have always drawn strength from being close to home."

"My roots are deep in the Black past, all the way through slavery to Africa," he wrote. "I would not wish it otherwise."

Arthur will be a big part of Wimbledon this year. Tennis officials and media and fans will remember the 1975 champion; money will be raised for the Arthur Ashe foundation for the defeat of AIDS.

But Arthur's greatest legacy will be the number of Black men and women, boys and girls, who take to the grass courts of the all England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in search of titles, money and fame.



Congressman Payne oversees distribution of medicine donated as a result of the drive he organized. The effort was conducted in close cooperation with the US Committee for UNICEF.

Payne's follow-up visit to Somalia

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mentioned that these supplies were "quality gifts" compared to previous food deliveries.

We visited a school with over 800 children enrolled — founded by the US Marines — called Project Restore Hope Orphanage. They were learning English and I was impressed by their achievement.

Also, there were Girl Scout cookies donated for their rest periods, and all sorts of clothing sent by US groups. I had the privilege of helping one child put on his first new set of clothes.

We visited a hospital run by Irish concern, and staffed by the American International Medical Corps. The doctors and nurses were truly dedicated. Also they were helped by the Irish goal organization that supplies volunteer nurses to the many hospitals and clinics.

Of considerable interest was the visit to the women's committee called Iida, meaning Ngo for women development. We saw their handicraft classes in operation and visited a stadium that was just refurbished.

We were told that, at one of the

first soccer matches under the UN administration, a Somali runner carried a flag around the stadium track, and as he moved around, the crowd began to rise to its feet.

As he finished the run, the spectators spontaneously began singing the Somali National Anthem for the first time in almost three years.

This story illustrates the renewed spirits of National pride among Somalis. I am hopeful that progress will continue and I plan to remain active as we work to improve conditions of the people of Somalia.

Liberty Park renovated

Block Association and Recover Center agree to maintain it

NEWARK—On June 26, the City of Newark rededicated Liberty Park, a City park at the corner of Central Avenue and West Market Street.

Mayor Sharpe James said the City decided to renovate the park because Marilyn Gaynor, president of the Fifth Street Block Association, has agreed to adopt the park and keep it free of litter and graffiti. The Essex Recovery Center, located across from the park, has also agreed to help maintain it.

"I am glad that we have an opportunity to refurbish and rededicate this important West Ward park," James said. "The Fifth Street Block Association and the Essex Recovery Center are to be highly commended for their commitment to the city of Newark. They are true partners in its renaissance."

Prior to the rededication ceremony, the Newark Department of General Services will replace all missing slats on the park's benches, install an additional bench near the bus stop on West Market Street, place a flag pole behind the park's World War II monument, remove dead tree stumps and replace trees and resurface selected concrete walkways in the park.

Employees from Parks and volunteers from both the Fifth Street Block Association and the Essex Recovery Center will also create three flower beds with one surrounding the monument, install eight-inch high brick curbing to protect the flower beds, place additional garbage cans and paint all park benches.

For more information on the park rededication, contact General Services at 201-733-6303.

Greater Newark Conservancy to sponsor City Garden Contest

NEWARK—Newark Engineering Director Alvin L. Zach has announced that he supports the Greater Newark Conservancy's "City Garden Contest," which will be accepting entries through July 12.

According to the Conservancy, contestants have a choice of participating in the individual garden

category, the school garden category or the block garden categories. Greenery will be judged in July and August on the basis of imagination, visual effects, maintenance, horticulture, variety, color, texture and suitability for planting.

Everyone who takes part in the contest will receive a certificate of

participation, along with a free cap from the Greater Newark Conservancy.

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